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Voter ID law no problem in Crossroads

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Early voting has not been compromised in the Crossroads by Texas' new voter identification law.

Victoria County Elections Administrator George Matthews said voters have not been kept away from the polls.

"Even if names on their ID do not match exactly, they're still checking to see if the first name and date of birth are the same," Matthews said.

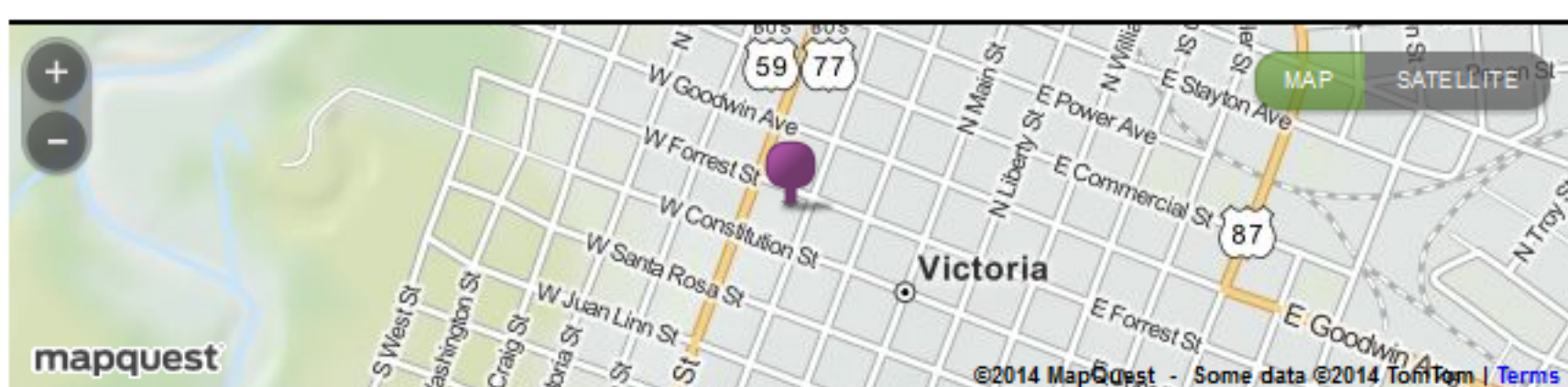
Voters are no longer required to bring their voter registration certificate and must bring a proper identification, Matthews said. If a person's name has changed since registration, he or she must inform the polling location what name was used when he or she initially registered, he said.

Women who may have been unmarried when they registered and are voting as a married woman with a different last name need to be prepared to answer a few additional questions.

There is a form, Matthews said, that they can fill out at the polling location to change their registration information if they have changed their surname.

"There are ways to prove identification when the names aren't similar," said Matthews, mentioning the photograph on the identification, address, date of birth and maiden name can be useful when determining someone's identity.

If an identification cannot be verified because a person's name, phone number, address and photo are too dissimilar, the voter will vote on a provisional ballot, Matthews said.



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The poll tax was easier and cheaper to comply with than this unnecessary voter suppression act. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad the GOP is doing this. Because like everything else they're doing these days, this drives sensible republicans, moderates and minorities away from their already damaged brand. It is like Lindsey Graham said, "We're not generating enough angry white guys to stay in business for the long term." Neither are they generating Stepford Wives. And the educated white woman's vote is what's going to push the GOP over the cliff. It's the "long term" thing these folks don't get.
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